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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. ANGOLA: WASHINGTON STAR REPORT THAT KISSINGER EXPECTS POLITICAL SOLUTION TO ANGOLAN CONFLICT WITHIN A MONTH WAS VIDELY REPLAYED IN PRESS AND ON PORTUGUESE TV. REUTERS STORY PICKED UP IN JAN. 19 LISBON PAPERS SAID, "SOME (STATE DEPARTMENT) OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT KISSINGER THINKS A CEASE-FIRE CAN BE ARRANGED MORE EASILY NOW BECAUSE THE FNLA HAS SUFFERED GRAVE MILITARY DEFEATS AND THE MPLA IS IN A STRENGTHENED POSITION TO NEGOTIATE, THE NEWSPAPER (STAR) SAID." LISBON PAPERS ALSO GAVE HEAVY PLAY ON JAN. 17 TO WIRE-SERVICE STORIES ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE FNLA AND UNITA. WIDEST CIRCULATING LISBON MORNING PAPER, "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS", LED FRONT-PAGE ANGOLA STORY WITH ZAIRE THREAT TO INTERVENE IN ANGOLA. WEEKLY LIBERAL INDEPENDENT "EXPRESSO" OF JAN. 17 WAS ONLY PAPER TO PUBLISH ARTICLE REPORTING THAT CUBAN FLIGHTS "ASSISTING THE MPLA" WITH STOPOVERS IN SANTA MARIA, THE AZORES, WERE REINITIATED JAN. 10 AFTER HAVING BEEN HALTED ON DEC. 30. "EXPRESSO" SAID THAT ACTING FONMIN HAD CALLED IN CUBAN AMBASSADOR ON JAN. 13 AND PRESUMABLY COMPLAINED ABOUT NATURE OF THE FLIGHTS. ARTICLE NOTED FURTHER THAT FONMIN MELO ANTUNES

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IN BUDAPEST HAD STATED THAT PORTUGAL "BELIEVES THAT THE MPLA

IS THE FORCE MOST CAPABLE OF MAKING ANGOLA INTO AN INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY."

2. CIA: MANY JAN. 17 AND 19 PAPERS PICKED UP REPORTS ON REVELATIONS OF ALLEGED CIA AGENTS' NAMES IN ITALY AND GREECE. SOME USED BRIEF REUTERS STORY DATED IN PARIS QUOTING "LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR" ARTICLE THAT SPINOLA HAD MET WITH EUGENE BURGSTALLER, "THE CIA CHIEF IN PARIS."

3. SOCIALISTS' MEETING IN DENMARK: TV AND PRESS HAVE GIVEN GREATEST ATTENTION TO MARIO SOARES REMARKS THAT IT IS HIS PARTY, NOT PPD, WHICH ENJOYS LINKS WITH EUROPEAN "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC" TRADITIONS AND THAT PPD HAS NO WORKER BASE. HEAVY PLAY ALSO GIVEN HIS STATEMENT LAMENTING THE SLOWNESS OF THE EEC IN GIVING PORTUGAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

4. SALT: COLUMN BY MANUEL RODRIGUES IN JAN. 17 CENTER-RIGHT "O DIA" PREDICTS THAT COMPROMISE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WITH SOVIETS ALONG LINES RECENTLY REPORTED BY LOS ANGELES TIMES WRITER ROBERT TOTH.
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